

NA Area August 2008

Begin time 1400

Readings of the Service and other stuffs pre meeting.

Do we have any new GSR's five in total

Anniversaries four total

Approval of minutes: Passed

Chair Alan Read his agenda.

Vice Chair No report.

Secretary: Read Agenda

Treasurer : Sammie agenda read by proxy Mack.

There is a need for the committee less the secretary to show

Treasurer Opening Balance: \$1,575.22; Emergency Reserve: \$1,170

RCM Read Report

RCM Two Report

Roll Call GSR's Present: 18

Group Reports

Labor Day Picnic is noon on September 1st. 2008 at Progress Park hosted by Ain't Dead Yet.

Activities Report

CRCNA Report

Host Hotel for CRCNA rooms are all sold out.

H&I Report

Lit Report

Out Reach Report

Phone Line Report

PI Report

Website Report

1,500 Meeting Lists Delivered

Area Planning Tool ad-hoc report

Logo Winners: The vote on the final five designs is on September 7th at 1400 hours. All designs are on the website www.nadenver.com under events.

Nomination Training Chair Torri nominated. Accepted and voted in.

Nomination for Assistant Treasurer Pat possible wave of clean time requirement of four years to two; NA has this guide line and two addicts concur with this wave. Mack stated that there is a clean time requirement and they are accountable for the money but willingness and ability can be an over-riding factor for the lack of clean time; Pat has the experience in this area. Torri: Some things just aren't negotiable like our traditions some things are hear-say some are factual, we are dealing with our money; willingness or not is just not enough, a warm body when is that just not enough for us anymore? We need to grow up and stop filling it with warm bodies and someone that has the time and the experience to fill the position; recovery is based on recovery and based on spiritual principles that not on our disease, let's not fill our positions like this.

Sammie spoke about things doing the position as primary she explained how she came up short and after to make everything better, but at the time she was in a panic but it was a bank error not her own. Pat declined the nomination no vote was made.

New business

Lindsay B and Spence – Pay for CRCNA registration for the winning design: passes

Lindsay and Bob P: donate 10 solutions T-Shirts for raffle

Torri: How many do we have and what is their worth and why have they not been made available for the area before.

Lindsey states that they are worth \$5.00 each but yes we have X of each size just not sure how, Torri wants an official count by next area and maybe we can sell them for \$10.00. Lindsay thinks as an area we should not decide, but as activities we can and there will be an inventory next month.

Joann D and Bob D: proposal to change the guidelines under budget article X, to read as follows: the deletion of the emergency fund and must be adjusted to the needs of the next three months, budgeted contractual obligations have to be set up in quarters. This requires a 2/3 vote and it means we have our phone line and it costs \$400.00 and the contractual obligation to them is \$100.00. Also to remove more verbiage from the emergency fund and it cannot be used only for contractual obligations and nothing else only when there is no other money available to pay for them.

Keegan is not comfortable voting on this without taking this back to his group; he also feels that there is too much on a full plate that does not need to be here.

Joann pulled the motion and is going to give it to the ad-hoc.

Ron T and Daryl M: Donate the group pamphlet to outreach so that we can take some literature and material to groups that are not represented at the area. The intent is to use this and other pamphlets as a welcoming format to new groups that are not part of or familiar with the areas ability to support groups in being more efficient. Tabled by Ron

Motion by Joann D and Spence: H&I change the guidelines that members that serve to carry a clear message while using prescribed narcotic and or under an extreme traumatic life circumstance has changed.

Pro: Michelle W. how can you be the best you can be if on narcotics? Michelle is in favor of this vote.

Torri: Being a part of P&I She understands being under the influence and doing a presentation can put NA in harm's way; the same applies for H&I. As far as the life circumstance personally I think that is a very wrong perception of this problem. There is a testament after her son had a bad medical issue this did not affect her ability to serve NA, and maybe NA could have helped her in the end like most service work tends to; she was still able to perform to her abilities. No on traumatic life event.

Robby: Agrees on the narcotics end disagree 100% on the traumatic life event.

Joann agrees on the Narcotic part, not the traumatic life event as the creator of this motion I will withdrawal the traumatic life experience, after which Torri and Robby are 100% behind it.

Mike H. I have a few technical problems with this, does this mean admin or sub-committees but does this imply that activities can't have any one that is using a narcotic medication. Does this mean opiates? What exactly does this mean? Are we going to define this or not?

Brian: Having attended the world work shop last year as this was being formulated, but the temp was rising fast it had to stop. Is this now approved literature? If someone is unstable can they may be unsuitable for service. I am not pro someone high on a script but there are some non-narcotic meds that can be just as bad.

George: This rubs me the wrong way in every way and it is just a suggestion that the member stay away from this until this is over. I do not want to be a part of this if it is in black and white, this is a slippery slope and it should lie between the sponsor and sponsee.

Joann: The back ground as to why I am a pro the area wanted to go in as a representative of NA that was on methadone and H&I started to look for some direction on what to do in this case. The reason that it is stated as a narcotic med, we are not doctors or anything of the sort but we were looking for a direction in how to deal with this, and they may in fact be the most mind altering of all drugs. When we do service work and wither we like it or not we are representing NA and what if you're an addict and you are on xyz pain med and someone asks are you taking meds? Are you to lie or do you tell the truth?

2 for 10 against motion failed.

Scott H. and Bob D. Surplus of books to give to activities to sell at events. Motion passes.

Brian S. and Keegan: Motion to reimburse RCM's \$200 for travel expenses. Passes.

Sharing Session

Michelle: archives

Spence: shorter area time

Marika: missing meetings

Brian Donations

Archives:

Printing budget for secretary to print off things.

Archives: Michelle she stepped up with John R and there has not been not one communication whatsoever with John R. Is this committee taking ownership? Is John selecting on this and if he is alone I request that he be removed.

Torri: Does not like the idea of a one person ad-hoc and does not like the idea of us doing these things in people's houses, unless you are a friend of you are canceled out, I would not go to John's house.

Bob D: This may be the best solution for this but no one will bring a scanner to do this here.

Torri: Get bids from outside companies that way it is not in a house.

Scott: The purpose was to remove the hard copy.

Michelle Is going to look into bids from and if John is not here with info then we will discuss it.

Spence: This is really hard to streamline this; maybe we can do reports every other month.

Keegan: To generate discussion around getting reports but sub-committee reports are done a week before so all GSR's can access them and then they can bring it to the reports to their groups and then we only entertain questions.

Torri: We should not require that people have a computer to serve, and we have to depend on the integrity of communications and it was vital to get the information from region, world, sub-committees and all the groups. We are here to fellowship and this area is around four hours and that is the average meeting per month.

Mike: Maybe we can be more forcefulness about not letting chairs finish before interjecting and maybe there is too much back and forth, maybe we need to just cut this off and tell them to talk at the break. There is too much red tape.

Mack: the time we spend here is not a lot compared but one of the things that we can do is not read every word of the reports, slim down to just what is vital.

Marika: The chairs can streamline their reports, and then we can bring this back to this groups and a lot of questions can be answered. The sub-committee reports get bogged down with why this or that? They might need to hold a separate meeting.

Defunct meetings: There is a new meeting on the list called New Meeting on Saturday at 2000 hours and that meeting is no longer there 15210 east 6th. Ave Aurora. We need to be more vigilant about the updates of the meetings.

Mack and Bob P: reimbursement to donut hole for \$15.00 that Mack paid out for rent. Passes.

Carl S. and Don P. \$25.00 purchase literature from world services to send to inmates in the month of august.

Bob D. are there any rules that these places have before we send. Passes

Lit balance: \$1347.44

Treasurer: \$159.77.

In grateful service to NA

Robby Lake